

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5 [SCS SCR 5]

WHEREAS, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), also known as chronic bronchitis and emphysema, is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States and the only one of the top five causes of death whose prevalence and death rate are rising; and

WHEREAS, COPD is a chronic progressive disease which impacts over 175,000 residents of Missouri and 24 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, the annual cost to the nation for COPD in 2004 was estimated to be approximately 37 billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis and management of COPD can effectively reduce the overall financial burden of the illness within public programs such as Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, proper management of COPD can lead to improved quality of life and self-sufficiency on the part of patients with COPD cared for within public programs; and

WHEREAS, disease management has been demonstrated to reduce overall costs of care and increase quality of life for patients with chronic diseases, especially when targeted to appropriate conditions and patients; and

WHEREAS, November is COPD awareness month and November 21, 2007, is COPD awareness day; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-Fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby recognize November 21, 2007, as COPD awareness day, and November as COPD awareness month in Missouri; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-Fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby support and encourage the Department of Social Services, Division of Medical Services in its efforts with regard to disease management and including COPD in the department's chronic care improvement program in an effort to reduce the financial and clinical burden of COPD on the Medicaid program and the citizens of Missouri.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the Department of Social Services.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18 [SCR 18]

WHEREAS, Section 21.760 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri provides that during the regular legislative session which convenes in an odd-numbered year, the General Assembly shall, by concurrent resolution, employ an independent certified public accountant or certified public accounting firm to conduct an audit examination of the accounts, functions, programs, and management of the State Auditor's office:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-Fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby authorize the employment of an independent certified public accountant or certified public accounting firm pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.760; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the audit examination be made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, including such reviews and inspections of books, records and other underlying data and documents as are necessary to enable the independent certified public accountant performing the audit to reach an informed opinion on the condition and performance of the accounts, functions, programs, and management of the State Auditor's Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon completion of the audit, the independent certified public accountant make a written report of his or her findings and conclusions, and supply each member of the General Assembly, the Governor, and the State Auditor with a copy of the report; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of the audit and report be paid out of the joint contingent fund of the General Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioner of Administration bid these services, at the direction of the General Assembly, pursuant to state purchasing laws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Commissioner of Administration.
